

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3374–3384; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 311–313, and H. Res. 414, 415, 419, and 420, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2359, to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification (H. Rept. 108–304, Pt. 2);

H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries (H. Rept. 108–327);

H.R. 313, to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund (H. Rept. 108–328);

H.R. 2766, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, amended (H. Rept. 108–329);

Conference report on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–330);

H. Res. 416, providing for consideration of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 108–331);

H. Res. 417, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–332); and

H. Res. 418, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–333).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Reauthorizing certain school lunch and child nutrition programs: H.R. 3232, amended, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs for fiscal year 2004;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a bill to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004”. Page H9826

Recognizing Independent 529 Plan on the prepaid tuition plan for private higher education institutions: H. Res. 378, amended, recognizing Independent 529 Plan for launching a prepaid tuition plan that will benefit our Nation’s families who want to send their children to private colleges and universities;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a resolution recognizing the more than 200 independent colleges and universities that together have addressed the need to help families pay for the increasing cost of attending college by creating the first nationwide prepaid tuition plan”.

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Supporting National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 395, recognizing the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week;

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Recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship program: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decision making through such Program;

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Federal Employee Student Loan Assistance Act: S. 926, to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies—clearing the measure for the President;

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David Bybee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2744, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”;

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Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650

Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the “Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building”;

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Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Chestnut Street in Liberty, New York, as the “Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building”;

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Extending the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.: S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.—clearing the measure for the President;

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Sense of Congress concerning nations that violate the measures adopted by ICCAT: H. Con. Res. 268, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries;

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Extending the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee: H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee;

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Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site Land Exchange Act: H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia; and

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Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003: H.J. Res. 63, amended, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023.

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Suspensions Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, October 29:

Expressing gratitude to the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were deployed in Somalia in 1993: H. Con. Res. 291, expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the

United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993; and

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Repudiating the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad: H. Res. 409, repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive.

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Suspension Failed—Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2359, amended, to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification by a 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 231 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 570.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Obey announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act—Conference Report: The House passed H. Res. 377, the rule providing for the recommittal of the conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, to the conference committee by a yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 569.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: The House agreed to the Markey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people by a yeas-and-nays vote of 346 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 571.

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Later Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003: The House rejected the Woolsey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 572.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003: The House rejected the Brown of Ohio motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for

a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 573. **Page H9967**

Later Representative Miller of Florida announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H9967**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9821.

Senate Referrals: S. 1194 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, S. 1768 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and S. 1146 was referred to the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H9978**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9983–84.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled “Financial Literacy Education: What Do Students Need To Know To Plan For The Future?” Testimony was heard from Dan Ianniciola, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Education, Office of Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Manzullo and Oberstar.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a close rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT; RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2896, American Jobs Creation Act of 2003.

The Committee also reported, as amended, without recommendation H.R. 2571, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL, IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.